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SUBJECT: SPAIN REQUESTS MINISTERIAL-LEVEL U.S.-EU CLIMATE  
CHANGE CONSULTATIONS

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¶1. On February 22 Ambassador Solomont received a letter from  
Spanish Secretary of State (vice minister) for Climate Change  
Teresa Ribera requesting, on behalf of the EU, consultations  
with the USG on climate change at the ministerial level. The  
text of the letter is as follows:

(begin text)

Dear Ambassador,

The current Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European  
Union is persuaded of the need to continue the international  
dialogue on climate change, after the Copenhagen Accord.

Therefore, I will invite the European Commission and Belgium,  
as troika of the EU, to come with us to undertake  
consultations with your country at Ministerial level.

I would be grateful if you can relay this proposal to Mr.  
Todd Stern, Especial (sic) Envoy as well as Mr. Michael  
Froman, from the Executive Office in order to fix a  
convenient date in the next weeks. With pleasure we are  
flexible to meet on the occasion of any international event  
or to visit your country

Look forward to your answer

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Ribera Rodriguez  
Secretary of State for Climate change.  
(end text)

¶2. Please advise if post should respond directly to  
Secretary Ribera and, if so, what the response should be.

¶3. ESTH officer Ari Nathan is Embassy Madrid's POC for this  
activity (nathana@state.gov, nathanax@state.sgov.gov,  
011.34.91.587.2290).  
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